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Investigation into the prevalence of malaria in the Presidency.

* 1219-A. Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any officer has been appointed to investigate and report on the extent of the prevalence of malaria in this Presidency;

(*b*) if so, what will be the area of his investigation, for what period he has been appointed, who has been appointed and what are his qualifications; and

(*c*) what are the various points he has to investigate into and report on?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In April 1927 the Government sanctioned the post of a Special Malaria Officer for a period of two years. M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur Dr. K. Raghavendra Rao Avargal, B.A., M.B.C.M., D.P.H. (Cantab.), who has had a considerable amount of experience both in malaria investigation and in the conduct of anti-malarial campaigns in this Presidency, was appointed as the Special Malaria Officer.

The Government ordered that his investigations should be mainly confined to certain localities where malaria is known to be abnormally prevalent.

(*c*) The duties of the officer are—

(1) to carry out a detailed investigation in the localities chosen for the purpose and to report his conclusions and recommendations to Government;

(2) to watch closely the working of the scheme for the free distribution of quinine; and

(3) to guide the anti-malarial staff in the Gudem taluk of the Vizagapatam Agency in their investigations.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"For what period was this malaria officer appointed?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"He was originally appointed for two years; the period has been extended by one year."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"If his work is to carry on investigation in malarial areas, may I know what made him survey Ootacamund and what is the result of his investigation?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Proposals for controlling malaria.

* 1219-B Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the special malaria establishment has submitted any proposals to the Government for the control of malaria; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to place this malaria establishment on a permanent basis?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.